including Allied Sectors, as compared to the corresponding share of 66% in the non-agriculture sector in the same year.

OPP in Andhra Pradesh

1335. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN:
DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production is being implemented in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the salient features of the scheme;

(c) the districts in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu where it is implemented; and

(d) how far the programme has succeeded in the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) is being implemented in 28 States covering 408 selected districts in the country. The programme provides financial assistance on various inputs such as production and distribution of seeds, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of improved farm implements, sprinkler sets, rhyzobium culture and micro nutrients etc. In order to disseminate the production technology amongst the farmers frontline demonstrations are organized by the I.C.A.R. and block demonstrations are organized by the State Deptt. of Agriculture.

(c) The districts covered under the programme in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu are as under:

ANDHRA PRADESH: Adilabad, Anantapur, Chittoor, Cuddapah, East Godavari, Guntur, Karimnagar, Khammam, Krishna, Kurnool, Mehboobnagar, Medak, Nalgonda, Nellore, Nizamabad, Prakasam, Rangareddy, Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, Warangal and West Godavari.

TAMIL NADU: Chengai Anna, Coimbatore, Dharampuri, Dindiqul-Quaid-D-Milleth, Kamarajar, Madurai North Arcot (Ambethkar).

Padumpon Thevar Thirumaganar, Periyar, Pudukottai, Ramanathapuram, Salem, South Arcot, Tanjavur, Tiruchirapalli Katta Bomman, Thiruvannamalai (Sambuvarayar), and V.D. Chidambarnar.

(d) With the implementation of Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) in these states, the production of oilseeds during the last 3 years is as under:

Production in 000 tonnes

State	Year	Production
Andhra Pradesh	1999-2000	1375.2
	2000-2001	2510.9
	2001-2002	1613.4
Tamil Nadu	1999-2000	1481.5
	2000-2001	1440.4
	2001-2002	1433.6

Project for crop diseases

1336. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has formulated a Rs. 40 crore project to develop an A-Team spread across research institutes which would focus on solutions to unconquered crop diseases that destroy 14 crops;

(b) if so, what facilities would be given to the team scientists and researchers to enable them to work in mission-mode; and

(c) the diseases and crops targeted for the research mission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. Indian Council of Agricultural Research has proposed a Rs. 40 crore project, namely Network on "Transgenic in Crops", to the Planning Commission.